

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25-29 August 1965	2. LOCATION Sequoia National Park, California
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION A/C
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One Each Time	Motion to the West rules out Satellites. Probable regular scheduled airline flight.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object observed on three nights assumed to be Satellite by the witnesses. Flight was reported as from the SE to the NW on each occasion and the elevation at 50 degrees. Motion to West rules out Satellite. Regular scheduled airline flight at high altitude would have the same observable characteristics.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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Mrs Hunt/sh/SAFOICC/72842/24 Nov 65

Dear Mr. ~~Shaw~~:

If your direction of flight is correct, the object which you observed on 25 and 29 August 1965 was not a satellite. All known satellites have an easterly component in their direction of flight.

Since you observed the object on succeeding nights, it is more likely that the object you observed was an aircraft at a high altitude on a regularly scheduled flight.

Since you expressed an interest in satellites, I am enclosing a list of the visible satellites and space debris.

Sincerely,

J. W. P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

1 Atch
Satellite List

Mr. ~~Shaw~~
~~Shaw~~
Santa Ana, Calif

COORDINATED By (Office Symbol, Name, Grade, Date)			
SAF-OI <i>cc</i>	SAF-OI <i>C</i>		
<i>sh</i>			

Coord cy - SAFOI-2
Comebk cy - SAFOI-2
Reader cy - SAFOI-1
Activity cy - SAFOI-2
Stayback

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW/UFO
SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 25-29 Aug 65

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

Mr [REDACTED] has requested information on identification of an object which he assumed to be a satellite. The object was observed between 25 August and 29 August while on a trip to the Sequoia National Park. If [REDACTED] is correct in his direction of flight, it is likely that the object observed was not a satellite. No known satellites have retrograde orbits. All known satellites have an easterly component in their direction of flight. Since the observation was made on succeeding nights, it is more likely that an aircraft at high altitude on a regularly scheduled flight was observed. Since Mr [REDACTED] is interested in observing satellites, we are attaching a list of the visible satellites and space debris.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T de Jonckheere
ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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1. Ltr [REDACTED]
2. Satellite listing



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Santa Ana, Calif.
September 8, 1965

Gentlemen:

While on a recent trip to Sequoia National Park, myself and five friends spotted what we believe to be a satellite.

It was sighted on Wednesday; August 25, Thursday; August 26, and Sunday; August 29, at 10:20 P.M. each night. It was moving from the south-southeast to the north-northwest and when we faced west it was from 50' to 80' above the horizon. The time it took to pass was from 5 to 10 minutes and it was sighted only once an evening. The sighting took place on Sunset Rock about 1.3 miles west of the Giant Forest Village.

I am a high school senior and I am very interested in our space program. Any information about the name, type, or function of the satellite would be deeply appreciated.

If you can not give me this information could you please tell me where I might write to find it.

Sincerely yours,

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